

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1-17. (Canceled)

18. (Currently amended) A method for improving hyperglycemia, which comprises administering a drug comprising 0.001 to 10% by dry mass of 9,19-cyclolanostan-3-ol or 24-methylene-9,19-cyclolanostan-3-ol to a subject whose hyperglycemia is to be improved.

19-22. (Canceled)

23. (New) A method for improving hyperglycemia, which comprises administering 9,19-cyclolanostan-3-ol or 24-methylene-9,19-cyclolanostan-3-ol to a subject whose hyperglycemia is to be improved in the amount of 0.001 to 50 mg/kg/day.